

BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BAYONNE, NEW JERSEY

***REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
(RFP)***



**Legal Services: General**

**RFP 22-1A**

**Daniel Castles**  
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School Business Administrator

Submission Date:  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
2:30 PM

## **ETHICS IN PURCHASING**

### ***Statement to Vendors***

#### **School District Responsibility**

##### **Recommendation of Purchases**

It is the desire of the Board of Education to have all Board employees and officials practice exemplary ethical behavior in the procurement of goods, materials, supplies, and services.

School district officials and employees who recommend purchases shall not extend any favoritism to any vendor. Each recommended purchase should be based upon quality of the items, service, price, delivery, and other applicable factors in full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.

##### **Solicitation/Receipt of Gifts – Prohibited**

School district officials and employees are prohibited from soliciting and receiving funds, gifts, materials, goods, services, favors, and any other items of value from vendors doing business with the Board of Education or anyone proposing to do business with the Board.

#### **Vendor Responsibility**

##### **Offer of Gifts, Gratuities -- Prohibited**

Any vendor doing business or proposing to do business with the Board of Education, shall neither pay, offer to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, or compensation, nor offer any gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any official or employee of the Board of Education or to any member of the official's or employee's immediate family.

##### **Vendor Influence -- Prohibited**

No vendor shall cause to influence or attempt to cause to influence, any official or employee of the Board of Education, in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said official or employee.

#### **Vendor Certification**

Vendors or potential vendors will be asked to certify that no official or employee of the Board of Education or immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this request or have any interest in any portions of profits thereof. The vendor participating in this request must be an independent vendor and not an official or employee of the Board of Education.

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BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Advertisement**

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**RFP No. RFP 22-1A: Legal Services-General**

All necessary RFP specifications and forms may be obtained on the Board's website [bboed.org](http://bboed.org), or upon written request to:

Daniel Castles, School Business Administrator  
Bayonne Board of Education, 669 Avenue A, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002  
Fax: 201-858-5599  
E mail: [dcastles@bboed.org](mailto:dcastles@bboed.org)

Proposals must be sealed and delivered to the Business Office of the Bayonne Board of Education, 669 Avenue A, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 **on or before** date and time indicated below. The envelope to bear the following information:

**Name and Address of the Respondent**

**RFP Title:** Legal Services-General  
**RFP No.:** RFP 22-1A  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Location of RFP Opening:** Anna J. Herbert Board Meeting Room  
Bayonne Board of Education  
669 Avenue A  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

The RFP opening process will begin on the above advertised date and time at the Anna J. Herbert Board Meeting Room, 669 Avenue A, Bayonne, New Jersey. Proposals may also be submitted to the Board Secretary or School Business Administrator or his designee at the RFP opening meeting, prior to the advertised date and time. On the advertised date and time, the Board Secretary or School Business Administrator shall publicly receive and open all proposals. **No proposals shall be received after the time designated in the advertisement.** (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(b)).

The Bayonne Board of Education does not accept electronic (e-mail) submission of proposals.

All respondents are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., Affirmative Action Against Discrimination and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.

Corporate respondents are required by law (N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2) to submit a list of names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of their stock.

A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the proposal. The proposal package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the proposal. Failure to comply with Instructions for Respondents and to complete and submit all required forms, may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities.

All proposals solicited and received are done so pursuant to the Request for Proposals Process.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON.

GARY R. MAITA, D.M.D.  
BOARD SECRETARY

**BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**Legal Services: General**

**Instructions for Respondents**

**1. PROPOSALS ARE**

**TO BE SUBMITTED TO:** Daniel Castles  
School Business Administrator  
BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
669 Avenue A  
BAYONNE NJ 07002

**BY: 2:30 PM** PREVAILING TIME                      **ON: Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

By mail, delivery service or in person. Proposals that are submitted are to be sealed.

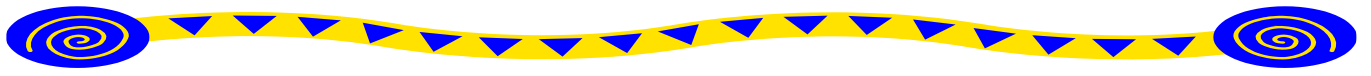
- 2.** Proposals must be placed in a *sealed* envelope/package and marked as shown below on the front of the envelope/package. Proposals ***must be*** submitted on the submittal forms as provided, and in the manner designated. The Board requires one original and two copies of the proposal package. The copies are necessary for processing the proposals. Respondents should also keep a complete copy of the proposal packet, exactly as submitted.

Envelope Label Information:

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Proposal No.:	<u><b>RFP 22-1A</b></u>
Project:	<u><b>Legal Services-General</b></u>
Date:	<u><b>Wednesday, January 19, 2022</b></u>
Time:	<u><b>2:30 PM</b></u>
Respondent:	<u><i>Name of Company</i></u>
	<u><i>Address</i></u>
	<u><i>City, State Zip</i></u>

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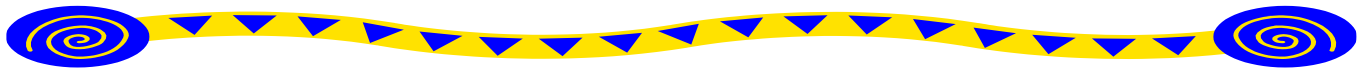
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# **Request for Proposal RFP**

**LEGAL SERVICES – GENERAL**

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**



**Daniel Castles**  
School Business Administrator

## **A. PURPOSE**

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## **B. SCOPE OF SERVICE**

The Board's General Counsel shall be responsible for board governance; contractual matters; civil service; public contracts; intergovernmental contracts; federal and state agreements; risk management and workers compensation matters; OPRA; HIPAA; and general litigation. The successful firm shall provide the Bayonne Board of Education with legal services relating to but not necessarily limited to:

1. Legal counsel and advice to the Board and Administration;
2. Legal research and/or advisory opinions as requested;
3. Initiating and/or defending lawsuits as necessary and at the direction of the Board;
4. Representing the school district in judicial and/or administrative proceedings in which the district or any of its Board members, administrators, or agents may be a party or have an interest;
5. Reviewing and/or drafting legal documents including contracts, Board resolutions, Bids, and motions as requested and necessary;
6. Attending regular meetings of the Board, and attending its meetings with committees or third parties upon request;
7. Working cooperatively with legal counsels of insurance companies, consortiums, or other collectives with whom the Board may be affiliated;
8. Conducting in-service programs on specified legal issues for appropriate staff members upon request;
9. Attending meetings with the President or Members of the Board, the District Administrators and officials upon request;
10. Updating the Board on the status of pending matters; and
11. Fulfilling other legal duties as assigned.

## **C. QUALIFICATIONS OF RESPONDENTS**

1. Licensed to practice law in the state of New Jersey

2. Branch office located in New Jersey
3. A Minimum of five years of experience in representing boards of education in contractual matters; civil service and personnel matters; labor relations; and general litigation.

#### **D. CONTRACT PERIOD**

**The contract period for the services sought under this RFP commences July 1, 2022 and concluding on July 1, 2023.**

#### **E. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES**

All activities for this contract will be coordinated through the office of:

Daniel Castles, School Business Administrator, [dcastles@bboed.org](mailto:dcastles@bboed.org), phone # 201-858-5560.

#### **F. PRESENTATION PACKAGE**

The respondent's response to this RFP shall include details of and be evaluated on all of the following:

1. Technical

a. Description of Services

- 1.1 An Executive Summary (not to exceed two (2) pages) of the information contained in all the other parts of the Proposal Package.
- 1.2 List of all services to be rendered.
- 1.3 How services will be provided.
- 1.4 Evidence of similar size and scope services that were provided to other entities or schools (public and/or private) in New Jersey.
- 1.5 List all immediate relatives of Principal(s) of Respondent who are Bayonne Board of Education employees or Board trustees. For purposes of the above, "immediate relative" means a spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child, stepchild, direct-line aunt or uncle, grandparent, grandchild, and in-laws by reason of relation. If none, provide statement indicating 'none'.
- 1.6 Evidence of any innovation or successful approach in providing the services that would assist in the evaluation process.
- 1.7 Include a copy of your proposed Contract Agreement for review.

2. Managerial

a. Business Organization - Submit a full description of the business organization to include (but not be limited to):

- 2.1 Name, address(es) of branch office locations, distance in miles of your office location to the Bayonne Board of Education, phone, fax, email, and other information of the professional firm or individual.
- 2.2 Brief professional history of the firm or individual.
- 2.3 Vision and/or philosophy of the professional firm or individual.
- 2.4 Recent, current and projected work load and a statement concerning the ability of the professional firm or individual to perform the services as specified.



- 2.5 Organizational chart noting the names of all principals, partners, support staff as well as indicating which senior member and staff assigned to the project.
  - 2.6 Resumes of key staff members that will provide the services.
  - 2.7 Description of your detailed transition plan for taking over the services from the prior service provider.
  - 2.8 Other information concerning individuals of the professional firm or of the individual that would assist in the evaluation process.
- b. Qualifications and Experience - Submit documentation highlighting the qualifications and experience of the respondent that will assist in the evaluation and selection process. Such documentation shall include:
- 2.9 Evidence of providing services of similar size and scope as listed in the specifications to public & private schools:
    - a) To whom. Include contact name, address, phone, email
    - b) For how long. Include dates of service.
    - c) A minimum of three (3) years of experience is expected, five (5) a 'plus'.
  - 2.10 Availability of personnel, facilities, equipment, and other resources to provide the services requested.
  - 2.11 Letters of recommendation from three (3) business entities of similar size as the Bayonne Board of Education and/or public/private school districts in New Jersey.
  - 2.12 Copies of professional and/or educational licenses and/or certifications that are required to perform the services as listed in the specifications.
  - 2.13 Evidence of Insurance in the amounts described in General Specifications, Item #19
  - 2.14 List of any judgments, claims or suits pending or outstanding against respondent within the last three (3) years and/or a list of bankruptcy or organization proceedings within the past ten (10) years. If any, please explain. If none, provide a statement indicating 'none'.
  - 2.15 Other information concerning the firm and/or individuals of the firm that would assist in the evaluation process.
3. Cost
- a. Fee Proposal - Submit a fee proposal schedule (on the Price Quotation Sheet provided in this RFP) that compliments the services that are being requested.
    - 3.1 Hourly Rates as specified herein

## **G. SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Board intends to evaluate all Presentation Packages (Proposals) on the basis of the responses that are the most advantageous to the Bayonne Board of Education, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of services at fair and competitive prices. Included in the evaluation process, but not limited to, are:

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1. Expertise and ability to perform the services;
2. Qualifications and references;
3. Organization, staffing and facilities;
4. Costs;
5. Knowledge of the subject matter discussed in the proposal and knowledge of the Board;
6. Respondents may be requested to send representatives to the Board for interviews; and
7. Other factors documented in the respondent's Presentation Package that may be in the best interests of the Board.

## **H. EVALUATION PROCESS; METHODOLOGY OF AWARDED CONTRACT**

All RFP responses will be evaluated on the basis of the Presentation Package (proposal) whose response is the most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered, and whose response will provide the highest quality of services at fair and competitive prices.

## **I. DISTRICT INFORMATION - BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Original Adopted 2019-2020 Budget: \$173,173,885 (\$154,839,001 General Fund; \$18,334,884 Special Revenue)

Approximately 10,000 total students, and approximately 1,400 total contractual employees.

# BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

### A. Documents to be Returned with Proposal

1. Acknowledgement of Addenda (If applicable)
2. Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report stapled to Questionnaire
3. Business Registration Certificate – New Jersey
4. Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form
5. Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire / Certification
6. Iran - Disclosure of Investment Activities
7. Non-Collusion Affidavit
8. Statement of Ownership
9. Price Quotation Sheet
10. Evidence of qualifications, as further described in the Technical Specifications section of this document.

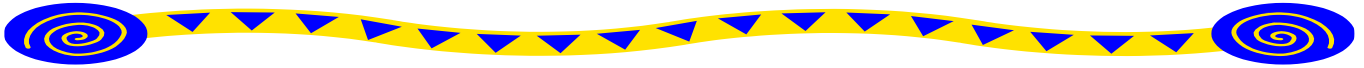
The documents listed above when required, are to be submitted with the proposal package. Failure to submit them may be cause for disqualification for being non-responsive pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y).

### B. Reminder Checklist

As a courtesy, the Office of the School Business Administrator has prepared this reminder checklist for items pertaining to this RFP. The checklist is not considered to be all-inclusive. Respondents are to read and become familiar with all instructions outlined in the RFP.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Have you filled out the Price Quotation Sheet and included it with your proposal?		
2. Have you provided copies of professional licenses and other evidence of qualifications as further described in the Technical Specifications section of this document?		
3. Have you answered questions fully and accurately?		
4. Have you signed all your documents ( <b>blue ink</b> )? No facsimile signature.		
5. Have you prepared all documents for submission?		
6. Did you make a copy of the proposal package for your records?		
7. Did you correctly address the envelope?		
8. Have you allowed ample time for the proposal to reach the Business Office?		

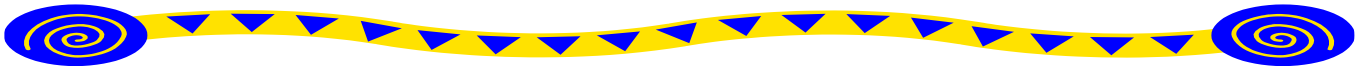
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**LEGAL SERVICES-GENERAL**

**GENERAL  
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#### 4. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS

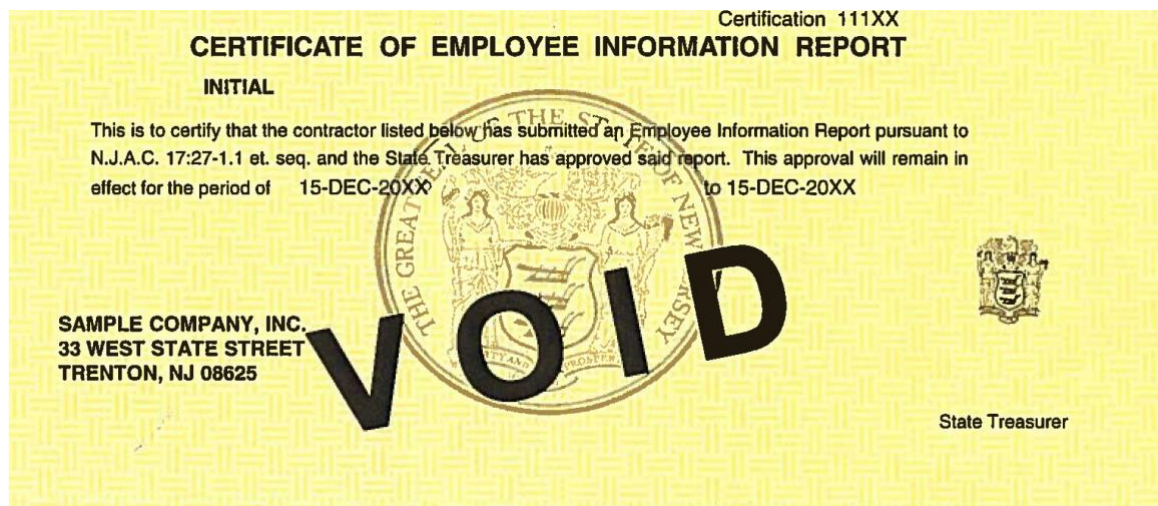
Each company shall submit to the Bayonne Board of Education, after notification of award, but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, **one** of the following three documents:

- Appropriate evidence that the contractor is operating under an existing federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program;
- A certificate of employee information report approval issued in accordance with N.J.A.C.17:27-4; or
- An employee information report (Form AA302) provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency to be completed by the contractor, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-4.

Please note: A completed and signed Affirmative Action Questionnaire is required with submission of bid/proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of the Questionnaire, Affirmative Action Evidence in the form of a current Certificate of Employee Information Report submitted with the bid/proposal.

If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq., and the terms and conditions of the Mandatory Equal Employment Opportunity Language—Exhibit A.

#### Sample Certificate of Employee Information Report



All respondents are urged to submit with their response, a copy of their firm's Certificate of Employee Information Report. Failure to submit the Certificate prior to the award will result in the rejection of the bid/proposal.

**5. ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS—REPORTING OF HARRASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING CONTRACTED SERVICE**

The contracted service provider shall comply with all applicable provisions of the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act—N.J.S.A. 18A:37-13.1 et seq., all applicable code and regulations, and the Anti-Bullying Policy of the Board of Education. The district shall provide to the contracted service provider a copy of the board’s Anti-Bullying Policy.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.7 (c), a contracted service provider, who has witnessed, or has reliable information that a student has been subject to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall immediately report the incident to any school administrator or safe schools resource officer, or the School Business Administrator.

**6. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS—N.J.S.A. 10:2-1**

N.J.S.A. 10:2-1. Anti-discrimination provisions. Every contract for or on behalf of the State or any county or municipality or other political subdivision of the State, or any agency of or authority created by any of the foregoing, for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building or public work or for the acquisition of materials, equipment, supplies or services shall contain provisions by which the contractor agrees:

a. In the hiring of persons for the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or for the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under this contract, no contractor, nor any person acting on behalf of such contractor or subcontractor, shall, by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, discriminate against any person who is qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates;

b. No contractor, subcontractor, nor any person on his behalf shall, in any manner, discriminate against or intimidate any employee engaged in the performance of work under this contract or any subcontract hereunder, or engaged in the procurement, manufacture, assembling or furnishing of any such materials, equipment, supplies or services to be acquired under such contract, on account of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity or expression, affectional or sexual orientation or sex;

c. There may be deducted from the amount payable to the contractor by the contracting public agency, under this contract, a penalty of \$50.00 for each person for each calendar day during which such person is discriminated against or intimidated in violation of the provisions of the contract; and

d. This contract may be canceled or terminated by the contracting public agency, and all money due or to become due hereunder may be forfeited, for any violation of this section of the contract occurring after notice to the contractor from the contracting public agency of any prior violation of this section of the contract.

No provision in this section shall be construed to prevent a board of education from designating that a contract, subcontract or other means of procurement of goods, services, equipment or construction shall

be awarded to a small business enterprise, minority business enterprise or a women's business enterprise pursuant to P.L.[1985, c.490](#) (C.18A:18A-51 et seq.).

**7. AWARD OF CONTRACT; RESOLUTION; NUMBER OF DAYS**

Any contract awarded under this process shall be made by resolution of the Board of Education. The award must be made within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the proposals, however subject to extension pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-36(a).

**8. BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 as amended, all bidders or companies providing responses for requested proposals, shall submit with their response package a copy of their "New Jersey Business Registration Certificate" as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey.

The Bayonne Board of Education requests that all respondents for this bid/proposal submit a current New Jersey Business Registration Certificate with the bid/proposal.

**All respondents are urged to submit with their response, a copy of their firm's New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit the Certificate prior to the award of contract will result in the rejection of the proposal.**

**9. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR REQUIREMENTS—OFFICE OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE COMPTROLLER**

Contractors/vendors doing business with the board of education are reminded of the following legal requirements pertaining to the Office of the New Jersey State Comptroller:

**A. Access to Relevant Documents and Information—N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14 (d)**

Private vendors or other persons contracting with or receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or board of education shall upon request by the State Comptroller provide the State Comptroller with prompt access to all relevant documents and information as a condition of the contract and receipt of public monies. The State Comptroller shall not disclose any document or information to which access is provided that is confidential or proprietary. If the State Comptroller finds that any person receiving funds from a unit in the Executive branch of State government, including an entity exercising executive branch authority, independent State authority, public institution of higher education, or unit of local government or board of education refuses to provide information upon the request of the State Comptroller, or otherwise impedes or fails to cooperate with any audit or performance review, the State Comptroller may recommend to the contracting unit that the person be subject to termination of their contract, or temporarily or permanently debarred from contracting with the contracting unit.

**B. Maintenance of Contract Records—N.J.A.C. 17:44-2.2**

Relevant records of private vendors or other persons entering into contracts with covered entities are subject to audit or review by OSC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:15C-14(d).

The contractor/vendor to whom a contract has been awarded, shall maintain all documentation related to products, transactions or services under this contract for a period of five years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the New Jersey Office of the State Comptroller upon request.



## **10. COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES**

The following people will coordinate the activities for this proposal

Request for Proposal Process

Name of Official Daniel Castles

Position Title: School Business Administrator

## **11. DOCUMENTS, MISSING/ILLEGIBLE**

The respondent shall familiarize himself with all forms\* provided by the Board that are to be returned with the proposal. If there are any forms either missing or illegible, it is the responsibility of the respondent to contact the School Business Administrator for duplicate copies of the forms. This must be done before the proposal opening date and time. The Board accepts no responsibility for duplicate forms that were not received by the respondent in time for the respondent to submit with his proposal.

## **12. DOCUMENT SIGNATURES – ORIGINAL; BLUE INK**

All documents returned to the Board shall be signed with an original signature in ink (blue). Failure to sign and return all required documents with the proposal package may be cause for disqualification and for the proposal to be rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y) (non-responsive). The Board will not accept facsimile or rubber stamp signatures.

\*Forms provided by the Board of Education that must be returned with proposal.

- Acknowledgement of Addenda
- Affirmative Action Questionnaire or Certificate of Employee Information Report
- Chapter 271 – Political Contribution Disclosure Form
- Contractor/Vendor Questionnaire and Certification
- Iran - Disclosure of Investment Activities
- Non Collusion Affidavit
- Statement of Ownership
- Price Quotation Sheet

\*Please check your RFP package for these forms!

Please also provide Business Registration Certificate, and signed acknowledgment of Appendix A (ADA of 1990 Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disability) and Exhibit A (Mandatory EEO Language).

## **13. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The respondent, by submitting a proposal, acknowledges that he has carefully examined the proposal specifications, documents, addenda (if any), and the site; and that from his investigation, he has satisfied himself as to the nature and location of the work, the general and local conditions and all matters which may in any way affect the work or its performance, and that as a result of such examination, he fully understands the intent and purpose thereof, his obligations thereunder, and that he will not make any claim for, or have any right to damages, because of the lack of any information.

Each respondent submitting a proposal for a service contract shall include in his proposal price all General materials, equipment, services, and other requirements necessary, or incidental to, the completion of the work, and other pertinent work as hereinafter described, in accordance with the proposal specifications and documents.

**14. FALSE MATERIAL REPRESENTATION – N.J.S.A. 2C:21-34-97(b)**

A person commits a crime if the person knowingly makes a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract. If the contract amount is for \$25,000.00 or above, the offender is guilty of a crime of the second degree. If the contract amount exceeds \$2,500.00, but is less than \$25,000.00, the offender is guilty of a crime of the third degree. If the contract amount is for \$2,500.00 or less, the offender is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

**15. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party shall be liable in damages for any failure, hindrance or delay in the performance of any obligation under this Agreement if such delay, hindrance or failure to perform is caused by conditions beyond the control of either party, including, but not limited to, Acts of God, flood, fire, war or the public enemy, explosion, government regulations whether or not valid (including the denial or cancellation of any export or other necessary license), court order, state funding, or other unavoidable causes beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected which cannot be overcome by due diligence.

Vendors, and/or contractors who have a contract with the Board of Education to provide goods or services cannot unilaterally claim an increase in the cost of the contract because of Force Majeure.

**16. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- Authorization to Proceed -- Successful Vendor/Contractor  
No service shall be rendered by the successful contractor unless the vendor/contractor receives an approved purchase order authorizing the vendor/contractor to render the service.
- Award of Contract  
It is the intention of the Board of Education to award the contract to the respondent(s) whose response is the most advantageous to the board, price and other factors considered, and who will provide the highest quality service at fair and competitive prices. The Board reserves the right to award contracts to multiple contractors when it is in the best interests of the Board.
- Return of Contract Documents—when required  
Upon notification of award of contract by the Board of Education, the contractor may be required to sign and execute a formal contract with the Board.
- Purchase Order—considered to be a contract. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (n)  
If a formal contract is not required by the Board of Education, an approved and signed Board of Education Purchase Order will constitute as a contractual agreement.

When a formal contract is required, the contractor shall sign and execute said contracts and return the contracts with other required documents to the Office of the School Business Administrator

Failure to execute the contract and return said contract and related documents within the prescribed time may be cause for a delay in payment for services rendered or products received or the annulment of award by the Board of Education with any financial security becoming property of the Board of Education. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept the proposal of the next lowest responsible respondent.

- Term of Contract

The successful respondent, to whom the contract is awarded, will be required to do and perform the work/services and to provide and furnish the materials in connection therewith in accordance with the plans and specifications on or before the date listed in the Technical Specifications.

- Purchase Order Required; Notice to Proceed

No contractor or vendor shall commence any project or deliver any goods until he is in receipt of an approved purchase order authorizing work to begin or goods to be delivered.

**17. INSURANCE; PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY – CERTIFICATE REQUIRED**

Required     Not Required

The successful respondent to whom the contract is awarded shall provide to the Board of Education with contract documents a Professional Liability Insurance Certificate with the following limits:

\$1,000,000 Each Incident; Occurrence; Wrongful Act  
\$3,000,000 Aggregate

The insurance certificate name as to the certificate holder shall be as follows:

The Bayonne Board of Education  
c/o The Business Office

And remain in full force during the term of contract.

**18. INTERPRETATIONS AND ADDENDA**

Respondents are expected to examine the RFP with care and observe all their requirements. All questions about the meaning or intent of this RFP, all interpretations and clarifications considered necessary by the District's representative in response to such comments and questions will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the District as having received the RFP package. Only comments and questions responded to by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral interpretations, statements or clarifications will be without legal effect.

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications will be made to any respondent orally. Every request for such interpretations should be made in writing to the School Business Administrator must be received at least ten (10) days, not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, prior to the date fixed for the opening of proposals to be given consideration. Any and all interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be distributed in the form of a written addenda to the specifications. The addenda will be provided in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21(c) to the respondents by certified mail or certified fax no

later than seven (7) days Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays excepted, prior to the date for acceptance of proposals. All addenda so issued shall become part of the contract document.

#### **19. IRAN DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES FORM N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4**

The Bayonne Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-49.4, shall implement and comply with Public Law 2012, c.25, Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran—N.J.S.A. 52:32-55 et seq.

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract, must complete a certification attesting, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran.

The Chapter 25 list is found on the Divisions website

<http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>

If the Board determines that a person or entity has submitted a false certification concerning its engagement in investment activities in Iran under section 4 of P.L.2012, c.25 (C.52:32-58), the board shall report to the New Jersey Attorney General the name of that person or entity, and the Attorney General shall determine whether to bring a civil action against the person to collect the penalty prescribed in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 5 of P.L.2012, c.25 (C.52:32-59).

In addition, bidders must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes on the lower portion of the enclosed form.

The Board has provided within the specifications, a Disclosure of Investments Activities certification form for all persons or entities, that plan to submit a bid, respond to a proposal, or renew a contract with the board, to complete, sign and submit with the proposal.

**Failure to complete, sign and submit the Disclosure of Investment Activities in Iran form with the bid/proposal shall be cause for rejection of the proposal.**

#### **20. LIABILITY – COPYRIGHT**

The contractor (vendor) shall hold and save the Board of Education, its officials and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or un-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.

#### **21. NON COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

A notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit shall be submitted with the bid/proposal. The bidder/respondent has to certify that he has not directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, discussed any or all parts of this proposal with any potential bidders, or otherwise taken any

action in restraint of free, competitive bidding in connection with the above named bid, and that all statements contained in said Proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said Proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said bid.

The respondent has to further warrant that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure such contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the respondent.

The Bayonne Board of Education has provided a Non-Collusion Affidavit form here within the specifications package. All respondents are to complete, sign, have the signature notarized and submit the form with the proposal response.

**Failure to submit the Non-Collusion Affidavit with the proposal may be cause for the disqualification of the proposal.**

## **22. PAYMENTS**

Every effort will be made to pay vendors and contractors within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days provided the Board of Education receives the appropriate documentation including but not limited to:

- Signed voucher by vendor;
- Packing Slips; and
- Invoices.

Payment will be rendered upon completion of services or delivery of full order to the satisfaction of the Board of Education, unless otherwise agreed to by written contract or mandated by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-40.1. The Board may, at its discretion may make partial payments.

All payments are subject to approval by the Board of Education at a public meeting. Payment may be delayed from time to time depending on the Board of Education meeting schedule.

### Invoices

The invoice clearly outlines the goods received or services rendered and the date(s) the services were rendered.

- The invoice must include the full name and address of the company.
- The invoice must include the board of education purchase order number.
- The invoice must have the company's invoice number that may be used as reference.
- The invoice must list the goods or services rendered.
- The invoice must be submitted to the Business Office.
- Invoices must be submitted within thirty (30) days of service.

## **23. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – PAY TO PLAY**

### **Annual Disclosure**

A business entity as defined by law is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005 Chapter 271 section 3) if the business entity receives contracts in excess of \$50,000 from public entities in a calendar year. It is the business entity's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Additional information on this requirement is available from the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement commission at 1-888-313-3532 or at [www.elec.nj.us](http://www.elec.nj.us).

### **Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form**

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a "fair and open" process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - of the public entity awarding the contract
  - of that county in which that public entity is located
  - of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county.

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

The Bayonne Board of Education has provided a Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form within the specifications package for use by the business entity. The Board has also provided a list of agencies to assist the contractor. The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor's submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

### **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS/AWARD OF CONTRACTS**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1-4) please note the following:

Award of Contract -- Reportable Contributions -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (1)

"No board of education will vote upon or award any contract in the amount of \$17,500 or greater to any business entity which has made a contribution reportable by the recipient under P.L.1973, c83 (codified

at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to a member of the board of education during the preceding one year period.

Contributions During Term of Contract – Prohibited -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2-3)

“Contributions reportable by the recipient under P.L. 1973, c83 (codified at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq.) to any member of the school board from any business entity doing business with the school district are prohibited during the term of the contract.”

“When a business entity referred in 4.1(e) is a natural person, contribution by that person’s spouse or child that resides therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.”

Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form – Required -- N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (4)

All business entities shall submit with their bid/proposal package a completed and signed Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form. The Chapter 271 form will be reviewed by the Board to determine whether the business entity is in compliance with the aforementioned N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3 (a) (2) Award of Contract.

**The Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure form shall be submitted with the response to the bid/proposal or no later than ten (10) days prior to the award of contract. Failure to provide the completed and signed form shall be cause for disqualification of the bid/proposal.**

**24. PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS**

The Board of Education may at its option, require providers of its choice to attend interviews and make presentations to district officials. This process may only take place after proposals have been opened and reviewed and prior to the completion of the evaluation. **Under no circumstances shall the provisions of the proposal be subject to negotiation—N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5 (b).**

**25. RESPONDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL**

It is the responsibility of the respondent to ensure that their proposal is presented to the Business Office and officially received before the advertised date and time of the proposal. It is understood and agreed upon that any person in the Board of Education will be absolved from responsibility for the premature opening of any proposal not properly labeled and sealed.

**26. STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

No corporation, partnership or limited liability company, shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any materials or supplies, the cost of which is to be paid with or out of any public funds, by the State, or any county, municipality or school district, or any subsidiary or agency of the State, or of any county, municipality or school district, or by any authority, board, or commission which exercises governmental functions, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid, of said corporation, said partnership, or said limited liability company, there is submitted a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock, of any class or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the

limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. If one or more such stockholder or partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership, or limited liability company, the stockholders holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock, or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership, or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company, as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be continued until names and addresses of every non corporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed.

To comply with this section, a bidder with any direct or indirect parent entity which is publicly traded may submit the name and address of each publicly traded entity and the name and address of each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest in the publicly traded entity as of the last annual filing with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent, and, if there is any person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest, also shall submit links to the websites containing the last annual filings with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission or the foreign equivalent and the relevant page numbers of the filings that contain the information on each person that holds a 10 percent or greater beneficial interest. **N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2—as amended P.L. 2016 c.43**

The Bayonne Board of Education has provided within the specifications, a two (2) page form entitled:

#### **STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE**

All bidders/respondents are to completed, sign and submit both pages for the form.

**Failure to complete, sign and submit the Statement of Ownership Disclosure Form with the bid/proposal, shall be cause for the disqualification of the bid/proposal.**

#### **27. TAXES**

As a New Jersey governmental entity, the Board of Education is exempt from the requirements under New Jersey state sales and use tax (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-1 et. seq.), and does not pay any sales or use taxes. Respondents should note that they are expected to comply with the provisions of said statute and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto to qualify them for examinations and reference to any and all General, services, materials and supplies furnished to the Board of Education. Contractors may not use the Board's tax exempt status to purchase supplies, materials, service or equipment.

A contractor may qualify for a New Jersey Sales Tax Exemption on the purchase of materials, supplies and services when these purchases are used exclusively to fulfill the terms and conditions of the contract with the Board of Education. All contractors are referred to New Jersey Division of Taxation—Tax Bulletin S&U-3 for guidance. Again, contractors are not permitted to use the Board's tax identification number to purchase supplies, materials, services of equipment.

#### **28. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

If the Board determines that the contractor has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the proposal upon which the issuance of the contract is based or that the contractor has failed to perform said service, duties and or responsibilities in a timely, proper, professional and/or efficient manner, then the Board shall have the authority to terminate the contract upon written notice setting forth the reason for termination and effective date of termination.



Termination by the Board of the contract does not absolve the contractor from potential liability for damages caused the District by the contractor's breach of this agreement. The Board may withhold payment due the contractor and apply same towards damages once established. The Board will act diligently in accordance with governing statutes to mitigate damages. Damages may include the additional cost of procuring said services or goods from other sources.

The contractor further agrees to indemnify and hold the District harmless from any liability to subcontractors or suppliers concerning work performed or goods provided arising out of the lawful termination of this agreement.

## **29. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS**

### Before The Proposal Opening

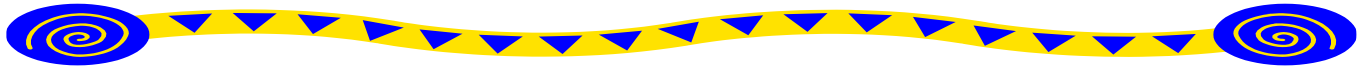
The School Business Administrator may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator before the advertised time of the proposal opening. Any respondent who has been granted permission by the School Business Administrator to have his/her proposal withdrawn cannot re-submit a proposal for the same advertised proposal project. That respondent shall also be disqualified from future proposals on the same project if the project is re-advertised.

### After The Proposal Opening

The Board of Education may consider a written request from a respondent to withdraw a proposal, if the written request is received by the School Business Administrator within five (5) business days after the proposal opening. A request to withdraw a proposal after the specified number of days will not be honored.

The contractor/vendor who wishes to withdraw a proposal must provide a certification supported by written factual evidence that an error or omission was made by the contractor and that the error or omission was a substantial computational error or an unintentional omission or both.

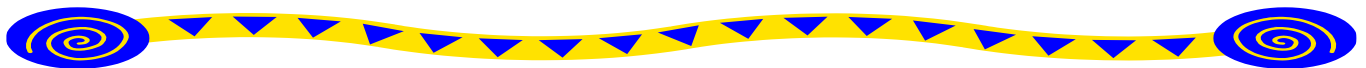
The request to withdraw a proposal after the proposal opening may be reviewed by the School Business Administrator, the Director of Facilities, other interested administrators' and the Architect of Record for the project (if necessary) and/or the Board Attorney and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Education. If the Board of Education grants permission to have the proposal withdrawn the contractor/vendor shall be disqualified from quoting on the same project if the project is re-advertised. If the contractor/vendor fails to meet the burden of proof to have the proposal withdrawn, the request to withdraw the proposal will be denied and if the contractor/vendor fails to execute the contract the bid guarantee will be forfeited and become property of the Board of Education.



# **Request for Proposal RFP**

## **PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

All documents in this section shall be completed, signed and submitted with the proposal package – Failure to submit the proposal documents and other documents so specified may be cause to reject the proposal for being non-responsive (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y)).



**Daniel Castles**  
School Business Administrator

***To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA**

RFP **22-1A**

Proposal Date: **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

The Respondent acknowledges receipt of the hereinafter enumerated Addenda which have been issued during period of bidding and agrees that said Addenda shall become a part of this contract. The respondent shall list below the numbers and issuing dates of the Addenda.

<u>ADDENDA NO.</u>	<u>ISSUING DATES</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**No Addenda Received**

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Authorized Representative \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed and signed below & returned with proposal.***

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION QUESTIONNAIRE**

RFP **20-1A**

Date: **Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

This form is to be completed and returned with the proposal. However, the Board will accept in lieu of this Questionnaire, a current Affirmative Action Evidence—Certificate of Employee Information Report

1. Our company has a federal Affirmative Action Plan approval.  Yes  No

*If yes*, please attach a copy of the plan to this questionnaire.

2. Our company has a N.J. State Certificate of Employee Information Report  Yes  No

*If yes*, please attach a copy of the certificate to this questionnaire.

3. If you answered **“NO”** to both questions No. 1 and 2, you must apply for an Affirmative Action Employee Information Report – Form AA302.

Please visit the New Jersey Department of Treasury website for the Division of Public Contracts Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract/compliance/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract/compliance/)

- Click on “Employee Information Report”
- Complete and submit the form with the appropriate payment to:

Department of Treasury  
Division of Public Contracts/EEO Compliance  
P.O. Box 209  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0002

All fees for this application are to be paid directly to the State of New Jersey. A copy shall be submitted to the Board of Education within seven (7) days of the notice of the intent to award the contract or the signing of the contract.

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

***To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.***

# BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Chapter 271 Political Contribution Disclosure Form (Contracts that Exceed \$17,500.00) Ref. N.J.S.A. 52:34-25

The undersigned, being authorized and knowledgeable of the circumstances, does hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity) has made the following reportable political contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26 during the twelve (12) months preceding this award of contract:

### Reportable Contributions

<u>Date of Contribution</u>	<u>Amount of Contribution</u>	<u>Name of Recipient Elected Official/Committee/Candidate</u>	<u>Name of Contributor</u>

The Business Entity may attach additional pages if needed.

**No Reportable Contributions** (Please check (✓) if applicable.)

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (Business Entity) made no reportable contributions to any elected official, political candidate or any political committee as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.26.

### Certification

I certify, that the information provided above is in full compliance with Public Law 2005—Chapter 271.

Name of Authorized Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Business Entity \_\_\_\_\_

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

## Contractor Instructions

Business entities (contractors) receiving contracts from a public agency that are NOT awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process (defined at N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- any legislative leadership committee\*
- any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
  - of the public entity awarding the contract
  - of that county in which that public entity is located
  - of another public entity within that county
  - or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county

The disclosure must list reportable contributions to any of the committees that exceed \$300 per election cycle that were made during the 12 months prior to award of the contract. See N.J.S.A. 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26 itemizes the parties from whom contributions must be disclosed when a business entity is not a natural person. This includes the following:

- individuals with an “interest” ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit
- all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity
- IRS Code Section 527 New Jersey based organizations, directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs).

When the business entity is a natural person, “a contribution by that person’s spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.” [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure.

Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement.

The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor’s submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act.

The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law. **NOTE: This section does not apply to Board of Education contracts.**

<sup>1</sup> N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): “The term “legislative leadership committee” means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures.”

**P.L. 2005, c.271**

(Unofficial version, Assembly Committee Substitute to A-3013, First Reprint\*)

**AN ACT** authorizing units of local government to impose limits on political contributions by contractors and supplementing Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes and Title 19 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

**40A:11-51** 1. a. A county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district is hereby authorized to establish by ordinance, resolution or regulation, as may be appropriate, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts therefrom to business entities that have made a contribution pursuant to P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and limiting the contributions that the holders of a contract can make during the term of a contract, notwithstanding the provisions and parameters of sections 1 through 12 of P.L.2004, c.19 (C. 19:44A-20.2 et al.) and section 22 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-22).

b. The provisions of P.L.2004, c.19 shall not be construed to supersede or preempt any ordinance, resolution or regulation of a unit of local government that limits political contributions by business entities performing or seeking to perform government contracts. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in effect on the effective date of P.L.2004, c.19 shall remain in effect and those adopted after that effective date shall be valid and enforceable.

c. An ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted or promulgated as provided in this section shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

**52:34-25** 2. a. Not later than 10 days prior to entering into any contract having an anticipated value in excess of \$17,500, except for a contract that is required by law to be publicly advertised for bids, a State agency, county, municipality, independent authority, board of education, or fire district shall require any business entity bidding thereon or negotiating therefor, to submit along with its bid or price quote, a list of political contributions as set forth in this subsection that are reportable by the recipient pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) and that were made by the business entity during the preceding 12 month period, along with the date and amount of each contribution and the name of the recipient of each contribution. A business entity contracting with a State agency shall disclose contributions to any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party, legislative leadership committee, candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, a State elective office, or any continuing political committee. A business entity contracting with a county, municipality, independent authority, other than an independent authority that is a State agency, board of education, or fire district shall disclose contributions to: any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party; any legislative leadership committee; or any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office of that public entity, of that county in which that public entity is located, of another public entity within that county, or of a legislative district in which that public entity is located or, when the public entity is a county, of any legislative district which includes all or part of the county, or any continuing political committee.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to a contract when a public emergency requires the immediate delivery of goods or services.

b. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

c. As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction;

"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate; and

"State agency" means any of the principal departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality within or created by such department, the Legislature of the State and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by the Legislative Branch, and any independent State authority, commission, instrumentality or agency.

d. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

**19:44A-20.13** 3. a. Any business entity making a contribution of money or any other thing of value, including an in-kind contribution, or pledge to make a contribution of any kind to a candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, or to a political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee, which has received in any calendar year \$50,000 or more in the aggregate through agreements or contracts with a public entity, shall file an annual disclosure statement with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-5), setting forth all such contributions made by the business entity during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline.

b. The commission shall prescribe forms and procedures for the reporting required in subsection a. of this section which shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the name and mailing address of the business entity making the contribution, and the amount contributed during the 12 months prior to the reporting deadline;

(2) the name of the candidate for or the holder of any public office having ultimate responsibility for the awarding of public contracts, candidate committee, joint candidates committee, political party committee, legislative leadership committee, political committee or continuing political committee receiving the contribution; and

(3) the amount of money the business entity received from the public entity through contract or agreement, the dates, and information identifying each contract or agreement and describing the goods, services or equipment provided or property sold.

c. The commission shall maintain a list of such reports for public inspection both at its office and through its Internet site.

d. When a business entity is a natural person, a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by any person or other business entity having an interest therein shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity. When a business entity is other than a natural person, a contribution by: all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity, or their spouses; any subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity; or any political organization organized under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code that is directly or indirectly controlled by the business entity, other than a candidate committee, election fund, or political party committee, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity.

As used in this section:

"business entity" means a natural or legal person, business corporation, professional services corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, business trust, association or any other legal commercial entity organized under the laws of this State or of any other state or foreign jurisdiction; and

"interest" means the ownership or control of more than 10% of the profits or assets of a business entity or 10% of the stock in the case of a business entity that is a corporation for profit, as appropriate.

e. Any business entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine imposed by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission in an amount to be determined by the commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

\* Note: Bold italicized statutory references of new sections are anticipated and not final as of the time this document was prepared. Statutory compilations of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-51 is anticipated to show a reference to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51 and to N.J.S.A. 52:34-25.



**INSERT LIST OF AGENCIES  
WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS**

# Proposal Form

## Legal Services: General

### RFP 22-1A

#### FEE STRUCTURE

Please provide the hourly rate for services in each of the following categories:

Special Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Negotiations: \_\_\_\_\_

Court Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the hourly rate for the services of the following personnel:

Paralegals: \_\_\_\_\_

Associates: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY -- DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY  
DISCLOSURE OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

Quote Number:  Bidder/Offoror:

**PART 1: CERTIFICATION**  
**BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE PART 1 BY CHECKING EITHER BOX.**  
**FAILURE TO CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES WILL RENDER THE PROPOSAL NON-RESPONSIVE.**

Pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, any person or entity that submits a bid or proposal or otherwise proposes to enter into or renew a contract must complete the certification below to attest, under penalty of perjury, that neither the person or entity, nor any of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates, is identified on the Department of Treasury's Chapter 25 list as a person or entity engaging in investment activities in Iran. The Chapter 25 list is found on the Division's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/pdf/Chapter25List.pdf>. Bidders must review this list prior to completing the below certification. **Failure to complete the certification will render a bidder's proposal non-responsive.** If the Director finds a person or entity to be in violation of law, s/he shall take action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX:**

I certify, pursuant to Public Law 2012, c. 25, that neither the bidder listed above nor any of the bidder's parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the N.J. Department of the Treasury's list of entities determined to be engaged in prohibited activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf. **I will skip Part 2 and sign and complete the Certification below.**

**OR**

I am unable to certify as above because the bidder and/or one or more of its parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates is listed on the Department's Chapter 25 list. I will provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities in Part 2 below and sign and complete the Certification below. Failure to provide such will result in the proposal being rendered as non-responsive and appropriate penalties, fines and/or sanctions will be assessed as provided by law.

**PART 2: PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

You must provide a detailed, accurate and precise description of the activities of the bidding person/entity, or one of its parents, subsidiaries or affiliates, engaging in the investment activities in Iran outlined above by completing the boxes below.

**EACH BOX WILL PROMPT YOU TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS. PLEASE PROVIDE THOROUGH ANSWERS TO EACH QUESTION. IF YOU NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ENTRIES, CLICK THE "ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY" BUTTON.**

Name	<input type="text"/>	Relationship to Bidder/Offoror	<input type="text"/>
Description of Activities	<input type="text"/>		
Duration of Engagement	<input type="text"/>	Anticipated Cessation Date	<input type="text"/>
Bidder/Offoror Contact Name	<input type="text"/>	Contact Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

**ADD AN ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ENTRY**

Certification: I, being duly sworn upon my oath, hereby represent that the foregoing information and any attachments thereto to the best of my knowledge are true and complete. I acknowledge: that I am authorized to execute this certification on behalf of the bidder; that the State of New Jersey is relying on the information contained herein and that I am under a continuing obligation from the date of this certification through the completion of any contracts with the State to notify the State in writing of any changes to the information contained herein; that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification, and if I do so, I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with the State, permitting the State to declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

Full Name (Print): <input type="text"/>	Signature: <input type="text"/>
<b>Do Not Enter PIN as a Signature</b>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	Date: <input type="text"/>



**To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.**

**STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP**

**RFP 22-1A**

No corporation, partnership or limited liability company, shall be awarded any contract nor shall any agreement be entered into for the performance of any work or the furnishing of any material or supplies, the cost of which is to be paid with or out of any public funds, by the State or any county, municipality or school district, or any subsidiary or agency of the State, or by an authority, board or commission which exercises governmental functions, unless prior to the receipt of the bid or accompanying the bid of said corporation, said partnership, said limited liability company, there is submitted a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all stockholders in the corporation who own 10 percent or more of its stock of any class, or of all individual partners in the partnership who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, or of all members in the limited liability company who own a 10 percent or greater interest therein, as the case may be. If one or more such stockholder, partner or member is itself a corporation or partnership or limited liability company, the stockholder holding 10 percent or more of that corporation's stock or the individual partners owning 10 percent or greater interest in that partnership, or the members owning 10 percent or greater interest in that limited liability company as the case may be, shall also be listed. The disclosure shall be, continued until names and addresses of every non-corporate stockholder, and individual partner, and member exceeding the 10 percent ownership criteria established in this act, has been listed.

Please check one type of Ownership, complete the form, and execute where provided.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Corporation--</u>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Limited Partnership--</u>           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Partnership--</u>         | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Limited Liability Company.--</u>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sole Proprietorship--</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Limited Liability Partnership--</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Sub Chapter S Corp.--</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other-_____                            |

**IT IS MANDATORY THAT THIS FORM BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH BID/PROPOSAL.** In the event that there are no persons who own ten percent or more of the stock or ownership of the bidder, then such fact should be certified below as part of this disclosure.

**Name of Company** \_\_\_\_\_

***List of Owners with Ten Percent (10%) or More Interest***

<u>Owner's Name</u>	<u>Home Address</u>

**NOTE:** If you need more space than that provided above, please use an extra sheet for furnishing the above required information for any remaining persons or entities.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

This form shall be completed, signed and submitted with the bid/proposal. The form continues on the next page.

**STOCKHOLDER/PARTNERSHIP DISCLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP (cont.)**

If your firm is not a corporation and/or partnership, please explain below how your firm is organized and include a list of the various principals.

Our firm, \_\_\_\_\_, is organized

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Names of Principals

Title

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Use additional paper if needed. Check here  if additional sheets are attached.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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***SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT***

This form shall be completed, signed and submitted with the bid/proposal.

***To be completed, signed below & returned with proposal.***  
**CONTRACTOR/VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE CERTIFICATION**

**RFP 22-1A**

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
FEIN No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Years in Business \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_

**References – Work previously done for School Systems in New Jersey**

<u>Name of District</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Person/Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

**Vendor Certification**

**Direct/Indirect Interests**

I declare and certify that no member of the BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part by said Board of Education or their immediate family members are directly or indirectly interested in this bid or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or services to which it relates, or in any portion of profits thereof. If a situation so exists where a Board member, employee, officer of the board has an interest in the bid, etc., then please attach a letter of explanation to this document, duly signed by the president of the firm or company.

**Gifts; Gratuities; Compensation**

I declare and certify that no person from my firm, business, corporation, association or partnership offered or paid any fee, commission or compensation, or offered any gift, gratuity or other thing of value to any school official, board member or employee of the BAYONNE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**Vendor Certifications**

I declare and certify that I fully understand N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.3(a) (1-4) concerning vendor contributions to school board members.

I certify that my company is not debarred from doing business with any public entity in New Jersey or the United States of America.

I further certify that I understand that it is a crime in the second degree in New Jersey to knowingly make a material representation that is false in connection with the negotiation, award or performance of a government contract.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President or Authorized Agent**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE**

**EXHIBIT A**  
**MANDATORY EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY LANGUAGE**  
**N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. (P.L. 1975, C. 127)**  
**N.J.A.C. 17:27**  
**GOODS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND GENERAL SERVICE CONTRACTS**

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Except with respect to affectional or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, the contractor will ensure that equal employment opportunity is afforded to such applicants in recruitment and employment, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex. Such equal employment opportunity shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex.

The contractor or subcontractor will send to each labor union, with which it has a collective bargaining agreement, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union of the contractor's commitments under this chapter and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, agrees to comply with any regulations promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq., as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The contractor or subcontractor agrees to make good faith efforts to meet targeted county employment goals established in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to inform in writing its appropriate recruitment agencies including, but not limited to, employment agencies, placement bureaus, colleges, universities, and labor unions, that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, and that it will discontinue the use of any recruitment agency which engages in direct or indirect discriminatory practices.

The contractor or subcontractor agrees to revise any of its testing procedures, if necessary, to assure that all personnel testing conforms with the principles of job related testing, as established by the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey and as established by applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

In conforming with the targeted employment goals, the contractor or subcontractor agrees to review all procedures relating to transfer, upgrading, downgrading and layoff to ensure that all such actions are taken without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, nationality or sex, consistent with the statutes and court decisions of the State of New Jersey, and applicable Federal law and applicable Federal court decisions.

The contractor shall submit to the public agency, after notification of award but prior to execution of a goods and services contract, one of the following three documents:

- Letter of Federal Affirmative Action Plan Approval;
- Certificate of Employee Information Report; or
- Employee Information Report Form AA-302 (electronically provided by the Division and distributed to the public agency through the Division's website at: [http:// www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract\\_compliance/](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/contract_compliance/)).

The contractor and its subcontractors shall furnish such reports or other documents to the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program as may be requested by the office from time to time in order to carry out the purposes of these regulations, and public agencies shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Division of Purchase & Property, CCAU, EEO Monitoring Program for conducting a compliance investigation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27-1.1 et seq.